

Funding & Prioritization Discussion: BMP Verification



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Why do we need funding?



- The path to revise BMP Verification Protocols exists through source sector workgroups; however, given the WQGIT concerns with credit duration, the MB charged the WQGIT with convening an ad-hoc action team.
- This group exists to, first-and-foremost address credit duration and partial/variable credit concerns.
 - Revising existing credit durations will be time and resource intensive (e.g., lit reviews and data collection) as it requires multiple lines of evidence.
 - Any proposed recommended revisions to the current BMP Verification Protocols will need to follow a scientific process, as was the case when the protocols were first established.
- Currently, there is no funding in place to support contractor or grantee work on credit duration.



FUNDING OPTIONS

2019/20 Funding

- This Ad-Hoc Team was not selected for funding via remaining FY19 GIT Funding.
- It is too late for the FY20 Bay grants (CBRAP/CBIG) process unless a jurisdiction would like to amend one of its grants to support this work.

2021 GIT Funding

- GIT Funding is a competitive process that will require submitting a proposal and budget.
- It is not guaranteed that funding will be awarded to this project.

FY 2021 Grant Allocation

- Jurisdictions could use part of their FY21 grant allocation to support the work of this group.



Why is prioritization important?

- While addressing all concerns expressed to date with BMP Verification would be ideal, this group does not have the resources to do so at this time.
 - *For this reason, until we have addressed all credit duration concerns, we will be focusing on credit duration first-and-foremost per the charge of the Management Board.*
- In order to incorporate as many revised credit durations as possible into CAST-21, we need to hone our focus.
 - *In order to meet the deliverables and timeline, we need to prioritize a list of BMPs.*
 - *A more in-depth discussion on prioritization will occur at the September 2020 meeting.*
- Any issues with BMP Verification that fall outside of the charge given to this Ad-Hoc Team by the MB over the next two years can still be taken up and addressed through the appropriate source sector workgroups.

Q&A

- Are there other funding options to explore that have not yet been discussed?
- Other questions and comments?